GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3360
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LAW & ORDER SITUATION IN ASSAM
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level team visited Assam and other North-Eastern States recently to study the law and order situation and the prospects of establishing peace in the region;

(b) if so, the outcome of the visit; and

(c) the follow up steps taken in the light thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Union Home Minister accompanied by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has visited Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland in February, 2001.

(b): The Union Home Minister exhorted militant outfits of the North East to lay down arms and come forward for peace talks without preconditions. There is an overall improvement in the situation.

(c): As a follow up action inter alia Tirap and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh will continue to be declared as `disturbed areas`; discussions are being held with NSCN(K) to finalize the ground rules as a prelude to declaration of Ceasefire in Nagaland.